

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, May 13, 2015- 5:00 p.m. 5th Floor Board Room

PRESENT: Steven Kulback, M.D., Jennifer R. Dollar, M.D., Max Michael, III, M.D., and

Joshua Miller, D.O.

ABSENT: Nicole Redmond, M.D., Ph.D., MPH, and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark Wilson, M.D., Carolyn Dobbs, M.D., Michael Hansen, Heather Hogue,

Rodney Holmes, Judy Madison, Corey Masuca, David Maxey, Esq., and

Denisa Pridmore

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dollar, Chair.

Minutes

Minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.

Emergency Preparedness/Communications

Heather Hogue, PharmD, Director of Emergency Preparedness/Communications, reviewed the role of the Emergency Preparedness (EP) division at JCDH. Alabama has eleven public health areas with an EP team in each area devoted to preparedness planning. EP receives an All Hazards Grant from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) that enables us to enhance the capacity of the public health system and respond to bioterrorism incidents, infectious disease outbreaks and other public health threats and emergencies.

EP also receives a Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) federal grant. This allows JCDH to partner with the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency to prepare and respond to a large scale public health emergency.

One of the latest initiatives of the All Hazards Grant is the formation of the Jefferson County Healthcare Coalition, which is a voluntary, self-governing group that assists with preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities related to a health care organization's disaster operations.

Financial Statement

Ms. Judy Madison, Chief Accountant, discussed the April 2015 Financial Report.

A motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded and approved.

Contracts

On the motion of Dr. Kulback, and seconded by Dr. Michael, the following contracts were approved:

A new contract with Birmingham-Southern College, Southern Environmental Center (payee) to provide education to Storm Water Management Authority member students on biological aquatic indicators, water quality issues and parameters at a rate of \$5.00 per person; not to exceed \$1,200 over a three year period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

Renewal of a contract with Total Administrative Services Corporation (payee) to provide a Personal Relationship Manager that will be assigned to JCDH clients to handle individual questions, issues or a need for follow-up with Flexible Spending Accounts at a rate not to exceed \$1,200 from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) for JCDH to provide early detection of breast and cervical cancer in women and colorectal cancer in men and women in Alabama at a rate not to exceed \$180,000 from June 30, 2015 through June 29, 2016.

Health Officer Report

FY 2016 Budget

Dr. Wilson stated the JCDH managers are entering their proposed FY 2016 budgets into the FMS system by the end of May. The Executive Management Team will review the proposals and submit for the Board of Health's approval at the August 2015 meeting.

Community Matters 20/20 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Dr. Wilson announced that the Community Matters 20/20 CHIP Steering Committee will meet on May 29, 2015 to review the progress made on the CHIP during the first two quarters.

Child Care Regulations

Dr. Wilson reported that a Public Hearing was held on May 7, 2015 to receive comments on revisions to the Child Care Regulations. Comments were also submitted via email. Dr. Wilson reminded the Board the draft revisions were emailed to them earlier this year. He anticipates the regulations being submitted at the June meeting for the Board of Health's approval.

Legislative Update

Dr. Wilson stated the Naloxone HB208 has passed the House Health Committee and may come up for a vote in the full House tomorrow.

Representative Patricia Todd's bill to increase the tax on cigarettes by 25 cents per package went through the House Ways and Means Committee.

Representative Steve McMillan's bill increasing taxes on cigarettes by 82.5 cents per package has not been taken up by the Ways and Means Committee.

The Legislature has not passed a budget for the state with only nine days remaining in this legislative session. Governor Robert Bentley has released a memorandum outlining the consequences if no additional revenue is added to the budget plan.

Public Health Policy

The Board of Health discussed ways to be more involved in public health policy development. Dr. Michael stated the issues JCDH faces are extraordinary and the Board of Health should share its talent with research and policy development on areas that are identified. He recommended devoting a couple of meetings per year for these discussions.

Dr. Dollar suggested using the Community Matters 20/20 five Strategic Issues for improving health in Jefferson County as the framework. Dr. Wilson said these issues were a data driven process and took into consideration what the community identified as perceived issues and needs and would be a good starting point.

Dr. Wilson noted the Board members may have ideas for proactive policies to pursue or JCDH could propose potential areas that require further research. He stated one specific area is smoke-free public housing which is part of the Community Health Improvement Plan. Also, preliminary discussions with Environmental Health staff indicate the issue of zoning in municipalities could be a possible area. Even though municipal governments control zoning, there may be situations where JCDH could open up discussions regarding industries, gas stations, or highways being located near where people or children live.

This subject will be discussed at a future Board of Health meeting.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Joshua Miller, D.O., Secretary

Approved:

Junifer R. Dollar, M.D., Chair